

As Director of Logistics, Lieutenant Colonel Prusak manages the supply and transportation support for the Air Logistics Center and the 77th Air Base Wing. He oversees more than 250 military and civilian personnel, with an annual budget of nearly \$1 million.

Lieutenant Colonel Prusak was born in Germany, in December 1947. He grew up in Boston, Massachusetts, and graduated from Boston Technical High School. He attended and graduated from Lowell Technological Institute in 1973 with a degree in Industrial Engineering. In 1981, he graduated from the University of Southern California with a Masters in Systems Management.

After flight training at Reese Air Force Base, Texas, in 1974, Lieutenant Colonel Prusak was assigned to the 380th Bombardment Wing at Plattsburgh Air Force Base, New York. At Reese Air Force Base he flew the Strategic Air Command's FB-111, and became one of the first 1st Lieutenant instructors of the aircraft. In 1980, he was assigned to Mather Air Force Base, California, as an Undergraduate Navigator Training instructor. While there, he became a flight commander and helped develop the curriculum for the dual track navigator training system, which is still in use today.

In 1985, Lieutenant Colonel Prusak was assigned to the 509th Bombardment Wing at Pease Air Force Base, New Hampshire, and requalified in the FB-111. While there, he became the assistant air operations officer, and chief of aircrew scheduling and training for the 393d Bombardment Squadron—the same squadron that dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki during the final days of World War II. In January 1988, he became the Deputy Commander for Resource Management for the 509th, where he helped manage the Wing Supply and Transportation Squadrons, along with Wing Mobility, Base Contracts, and Base Comptroller divisions.

Lieutenant Colonel Prusak was assigned in 1989 to the Sacramento Air Logistics Center as assistant program manager for the F-111 Digital Flight Control Modification Program. He went on to become the Program Manager for the F-111 Stores Management Upgrade modification program in 1990, followed by the position of Branch Chief for all F-111 modifications. In January 1993, Lieutenant Colonel Prusak attended the Defense Systems Management College at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia. Upon his return to McClellan, he became the Assistant F-111 System Program Director, ultimately, becoming the Director of Logistics in March 1995.

Lieutenant Colonel Prusak also gave much of himself to the citizens of California. He has been, and continues to be, an extremely active volunteer pilot for the Civil Air Patrol—having flown more than 100 training and search and rescue missions in northern California. Many of these life saving missions involve flying low level sorties in the valleys of the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range, placing him in great personal danger. Following his retirement from the United States Air Force, his role will expand as he assumes the position of the California Wing Liaison Officer of the Civil Air Patrol, at McClellan Air Force Base.

Lieutenant Colonel Prusak is the recipient of many awards, including the Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award,

the Air Force Organizational Excellence Award, the Combat Readiness Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Southwest Asia Service Medal.

I join my colleagues today in honoring Lieutenant Colonel Prusak for his 24 years of dedicated and distinguished service to the United States Air Force, the state of California, and our nation. We send best wishes to him, his wife Linda, and their children Jennifer, Erica, and Gabriel and wish him continued success at his new position with the Civil Air Patrol.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FOUNDING OF THE TEXAS CENTER FOR SUPERCONDUCTIVITY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition and gratitude for the outstanding work done by Dr. Paul Chu and his colleagues at the Texas Center for Superconductivity on the problem of High Temperature Superconductivity. As a member of the House Science Committee, I often hear references made for the excellent work of Dr. Paul Chu and the Texas Center for Superconductivity located at the University of Houston. I have also taken great pleasure in working with Dr. Chu on legislative and administrative matters in Washington related to the support of the center.

From the Center's beginnings in 1987 with the endorsement of the 70th Legislature of the State of Texas your efforts to find solutions to fundamental and practical questions in High Temperature Superconductivity have been noteworthy. Beginning with a staff of seven, the Texas Center for Superconductivity at the University of Houston is now the largest and most comprehensive Center of its type in the nation. Your great achievements serve as a testament to the past decade of hard work and progress in the new scientific and technological field of High Temperature Superconductivity.

With the multiple mission of basic and applied research, technology development and transfer, and providing advanced training and education, the Texas Center for Superconductivity at the University of Houston's researchers and students continue to search for solutions to fundamental and practical questions in High Temperature Superconductivity.

There efforts on behalf of science have enabled this important research program to expand into the world's leading Center for bulk high temperature superconductivity and related materials. We in Texas feel that their presence in the City of Houston has lead to this prominent position in this highly technical field of study.

On behalf of the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I offer Dr. Chu and his colleagues congratulations and best wishes for continued success in the area of High Temperature Superconductivity.

IN HONOR OF DR. STANLEY NUSSBAUM

HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have the opportunity today to recognize Dr. Stanley Nussbaum, who is being honored by the Herbert Tenzer Five Towns Democratic Club at its annual brunch on May 3. Dr. Nussbaum has been an outstanding member of his community and his personal commitments both civic and religious have bettered the lives of his neighbors on Long Island.

Dr. Nussbaum's devotion has led him to contribute to the Jewish community in many ways. He sits on the boards of the Conference of Jewish Organizations of Nassau County and the American Committee for Israeli MIA's in addition to being a trustee of Temple Beth El of Cedarhurst and a former trustee of the American Jewish Committee. He is also a past president of the Five Towns Jewish Council.

Civic duty has also played a major role in Stan's life, leading him into an active role in the Democratic party. He serves as Leader in the 20th Assembly District and has been a member of the Nassau Democratic County Committee for twenty-five years. He was the zone leader of Lawrence-Cedarhurst and served as President of the Five Towns Democratic Club from 1978–1980 and 1984–1990. Dr. Nussbaum was a Clinton delegate for the 1992 Democratic National Convention and was elected as a New York State Committeeman in 1994.

Dr. Nussbaum has also been successful in both his professional and private life and is a life member of the American Dental Society. He and his wife Toby are the proud parents of three children, Felice, Hillary and Larry, and of two grandchildren, Ananda and Sierra.

Dr. Stanley Nussbaum has made great contributions to society as a professional, a leader, a religious man, and a father. His community, indeed all of Long Island, have been improved by his efforts.

HONORING PRESIDENT K.R. NARAYANAN WITH THE STATESMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues to honor an extraordinary man, the President of India, Mr. K.R. Narayanan. Tonight he is receiving the Appeal of Conscience "Statesman of the Year" award, and it is hard to find someone who is more deserving of this honor.

Mr. Speaker, President Narayanan has had a distinguished career in public service for almost half a century. He served with distinction in the Indian Foreign Service for over 30 years, eventually serving as India's Ambassador to the United States from 1980 to 1984. It was after his tenure in Washington that he then entered the realm of politics, and served as a Member of Parliament from the district in which he was born from 1985 to 1992, at

which time he was elected to serve as India's Vice President. In July of 1997, Mr. Narayanan, I am proud to say, assumed the office of the President of India. He has also, over the course of his career, become an accomplished author of several books and articles on social, political and international theory.

During his tenure, President Narayanan has shown a great respect for human rights in general, the rights of minorities in particular, and the rule of law. As the leader of the largest democracy in the world, he has done a remarkable job in continuing to move India in the direction of economic liberalization and ever greater political freedom. India's most recent parliamentary elections demonstrate the stability of this nation and the leadership that President Narayanan has provided in stewarding the country through a fairly tumultuous year in domestic politics.

In international affairs, President Narayanan has shown an innate ability to get along with leaders of all stripes, and work for the common good, not merely for India's interests, as we continue to navigate through the uncertainties of the post-Cold War era. He is a diplomat, a public servant, an educator, and an author, but more importantly, he is a concerned human being and citizen of the world, who is dedicated to ensuring that those who can't care for themselves are cared for. Most of all he is unswerving in the notion that all people, no matter their origin, race or other

distinction, deserve peace, happiness and security in life. On the occasion of the nations of India and Israel celebrating their 50th year in existence, I think it is important to point out that these were the basic principles upon which they were both founded, and the same ones which my good friend President Narayanan sincerely and honestly espouses.

That is why the "Appeal of Conscience" Statesman of the Year award so befits President Narayanan.

BOB ETHERIDGE HONORING CAPT.
FULTON PERSHING LANIER

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Captain Fulton Pershing Lanier of Buies Creek, North Carolina, for his service to the people of the United States of America. Captain Fulton served honorably in the United States Army Air Corps from 1941 to 1944.

United States service men and women place themselves in harms way to protect the freedoms we hold dear in America. Many of these brave individuals return home to build and lead their communities. Tragically, Fulton Lanier did not have such an opportunity.

On January 31, 1944, then 1st Lieutenant Lanier, along with 1st Lieutenant Frank M. Ramos, Corporal Joseph Petrella, Private First Class Eugene E. Beebe, and Private First Class Bartholomew R. Giacalone, boarded his C-87 Liberator and piloted what would be his final mission. These five men perished in service to humanity, supplying food, medical and other supplies to Allied forces of China.

Fulton Lanier's legacy may have been greater than even he could have imagined. His service and sacrifice for our country has been permanently instilled in the hearts and minds of his family and all who knew him. Fulton Pershing Lanier is an American hero.

Fifty-four years later, the Lanier family received notice that wreckage from this fateful flight was recovered. Upon notification, the Lanier family has embarked on a mission of studying and sharing the story and example of this young man from Buies Creek.

Fulton Lanier paid the ultimate sacrifice in service to the United States of America, serving his family, community, state, and nation. His burial with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery on January 23, 1998, was only a small way his nation can acknowledge the debt owed to Fulton Lanier and his family that can never be repaid.

I am honored to report to the House on the heroism of Captain Fulton Pershing Lanier. May God bless him in his place of resting.